



Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Independence Day Holiday Notice

City of Glendale offices, landfill and libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. [Click here](#) for more details.

Library card holder in good standing, 18 and over and will need to provide current photo identification at checkout. The Nooks may be borrowed for four weeks with no renewal option. [Click here](#) for library hours and locations.

Social Service Agencies Receive Grant Funds Through Glendale's "From The Heart" Program. Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$172,900 in grants from Glendale's From The Heart program.

The grants will be used to serve the community in many ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to senior citizens to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence.

The money distributed to the social service agencies last week was raised through Glendale's From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month or make one-time donations.

Agencies receiving grant funds this year included the Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back To School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$12,500, Community Legal Services – \$10,000, Duet-Partners in Health & Aging – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

Other agencies receiving funds were Gabriel's Angels – \$5,000, Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$5,000, A New Leaf – \$6,000, New Life Center – \$10,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,500, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$12,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul –

Boards and Commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Sahuaro District Residents who were recently appointed to serve on Glendale's Boards and Commissions:

- Brian Gallimore - Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Roger Schwierjohn - Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Charlene Sharp as Chair – Library Advisory Board
- Samantha Cooke (Teen) – Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- John Krystek – Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- Mark "Ryan" Mander – Board of Adjustment
- Terrance Mead – Judicial Selection Advisory Board
- Steven Keist – Judicial Selection Advisory Board

Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 17 boards and commissions. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply online.

Library Users Can Borrow Preloaded Nook Readers. Glendale's libraries now have 30 Nooks preloaded with eBooks that have titles for youth, teen and adult. Also preloaded are two books in Spanish. With this program, users have a way to try out an eReader and eBooks before actually purchasing one of their own. Each of Glendale's three libraries will have 10 Nooks available. The Nook is Barnes and Nobles' brand of mobile electronic reading device and is touted as very light and having a good reading screen and long battery life.

Patrons interested in borrowing one of the eReaders must be a Glendale Public

\$15,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$6,000, Sojourner Center – \$8,900, Solecito Services – \$15,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$16,500.

Money collected from the program is distributed annually to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. The main criteria to receive funding is that the agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that promote the positive development of youth, strengthen families and assist citizens of all ages in addressing urgent needs.

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$2.4 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. For more information on Glendale's From The Heart program, [click here](#).

Separate Your Sanitation Containers by Three Feet for Better Service. Because Glendale offers both trash and recycling service on the same day, most residents are putting two containers out at the curb, but perhaps not properly. Did you know that your trash and recycling container must be three feet apart? If they aren't, it impedes the drivers' ability to pick up each container; this can result in damage to containers, and even the need for a driver to get out of the truck to set the container properly. Containers should also be placed away from other obstacles, such as mail boxes, decorative borders and cable boxes. Being mindful of separating the containers by at least three feet helps city staff provide better customer service in a more efficient manner.

Other things to remember when placing out your trash and recycling:

- Bag and tie all trash
- Recycling should be loose - not bagged
- Don't overfill your containers
- Bring containers out to the curb the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day; put away your container by 6 a.m. the day following pick up
- Place containers out in front of your home, not the neighbors
- Proper placement at the curb allows pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk behind your container(s) with containers facing forward
- If your container is damaged, call the Sanitation Office for a replacement

For additional information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Around Town

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 30 "A Beautiful Mind" starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany and directed by Ron Howard will be shown. This film, based on the true story of John Forbes Nash, Jr., shows his rise and fall through a harrowing time of schizophrenia. Nash made an astonishing discovery early in his career, but before he could take on the trappings of international fame he found himself on a painful journey of self-discovery.

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. Join us from 7-9 p.m. on Monday July 2 at the Glendale Main Library for Backyard Stargazing. This program is free and fun for the entire family! After dark, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing the night sky. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 979-1393.

Game Night at The Rec. Join us for fun games and tournaments in the Activity Room, including ping pong and billiards on "Game Night" every Fridays beginning July 6. "Game Night" begins at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. No registration is required. For more information, call 623-930-4610.

Water Wars! Make a splash at the library! Teens, 12-18 are invited to join the annual Summer Water Wars party with water balloons, super soakers and more. Bring sunscreen, a towel and attire to be outside and get wet. All materials will be provided. For more information, call 623-930-3837. Join us from 2-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. for this free program.

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